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# Shawnee National Forest

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## SPRING/SUMMER 2014 PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

### February

<b>Wilderness Awareness Questing Kick Off</b>	Feb 15 1:00pm – 4:00pm Crab Orchard Visitor Center, Marion, IL	Starting the celebration of the 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wilderness Act. Fun for all ages. There will be learning activities and an appearance from Woodsy Owl. Optional guided hike through Crab Orchard Wilderness will start at 2:00pm. Please bring water, wear sturdy shoes and appropriate clothing.
<b>The Great Backyard Bird Count</b>	Feb 14-17 Any Time Any Where	TGBBC is an annual four-day event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of where the birds are. For more information visit <a href="http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc">www.birdsource.org/gbbc</a>

### March

<b>Project Underground Educator Workshop</b> Amanda Patrick 618-253-1031 <a href="mailto:apatrick@fs.fed.us">apatrick@fs.fed.us</a>	March 8 10:00am – 3:00pm Shawnee National Forest Headquarters, Harrisburg, IL	Registration Deadline February 13 <sup>th</sup> \$25 for Project Underground guide, materials, and snacks.
<b>BirdSleuth Ambassador Workshop</b> Amanda Patrick 618-253-1031 <a href="mailto:apatrick@fs.fed.us">apatrick@fs.fed.us</a>	March 29 10:00am – 3:00pm Shawnee National Forest Headquarters, Harrisburg, IL	Attendees will receive activities and birdfeeders. No cost to attend. Registration deadline March 12 <sup>th</sup> .

### April

<b>La Rue – Pine Hills Appreciation Day</b>	April 12 9:30am – 12:00pm Winter's Pond (North end of Snake Road),	Join us for a day in nature. Enjoy guided field trips to see unique birds, wildflowers, reptiles, plant communities, and more in the world-renowned La Rue – Pine Hills Research Natural Area.
<b>Jr. Forest Ranger</b>	April 16 4:00pm – 5:00pm Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds, Jonesboro, IL	Start your journey of becoming a Junior Forest Ranger! All participants will receive a booklet and free goodies to take home. Activities appropriate for ages 6-13 years.

## May

### NNIS Presentation

May 8  
6:00pm  
Crab Orchard Visitor Center,  
Marion, IL

Join Karla Gage (Coordinator of the River to River Cooperative Weed Management Area) and Matt Lechner (Shawnee NEPA Coordinator) in a discussion about Non-Native Invasive Species of Southern Illinois.

### Young Trekkers

May 6, 13, 20, & 27  
4:00pm - 5:00pm  
Lincoln Memorial Picnic  
Grounds, Jonesboro, IL  
618-833-8576

Increase your nature knowledge and have fun in the outdoors! Programs include hiking, activities, and take-homes to use on your future nature excursions. Pre-registration is required...sign up for one or for all! For grades 1-5.

### Invasive Species Education Workshop

Free Workshop  
Pre-register by calling or emailing  
618-998-5920  
rtrewma@gmail.com

May 21  
3:00pm – 6:00pm  
Shawnee National Forest,  
Mississippi Bluffs Ranger  
Station, Jonesboro, IL

What is an invasive species? How do they affect other plants and animals and the relationships between them? Why is this important? What can we do? Educators will be provided with classroom tools, hands-on activities, and additional resources to effectively communicate the answers to these questions, as they relate to the local ecology of Southern Illinois. Presented by Karla Gage, Coordinator of the River to River Cooperative Weed Management Area

## June

### Arborwild

June 3  
9:00am – 1:00pm  
Evergreen Park, Carbondale, IL

June 5  
9:30am – 12:00pm  
Harrisburg Memorial Park,  
Harrisburg, IL

Children and their families are invited to come learn about and participate in fun activities about topics such as recycling, fishing, birding, mammals, cultural heritage, nature's pollinators, and wildland fires.

### Fishing Derby

June 7  
7:30am  
Oakwood Bottoms Interpretive  
Site, Grand Tower, IL

June 7  
7:30am  
Lake Glendale Recreation Area,  
Golconda, IL

Kids ages 5 through 15 are invited to attend the Fishing Derby with an accompanying adult. Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in different fishing categories. Children will sign up by age.

### Jr. Naturalist

June 10, 17, & 24  
10:00am – 12:00pm  
Lincoln Memorial Picnic  
Grounds, Jonesboro, IL  
618-833-8576

Increase your nature knowledge and learn new skills with hands-on projects and activities. Pre-registration is required. Sign up for one or for all! For grades 6-8.



*\*All events are free unless  
otherwise noted\**

